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construction of special buildings to be used by the Naval Base of Varna. By 1 August 1951 the project had been completed and all that remained to be done was to install equipment and paint the buildings.

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2. This project is located at N 43-09, E 27-53, about 2,500 meters directly south of Asparukhovo and about 400-500 meters southwest of Hill 230.6, on the south-east shore of a stream and north of the road connecting the Varna-Burgas macadam road to Galata. The project is located at the angle between this road and its junction with the other road which later goes west of Hill 230.6 and continues into Asparukhovo along the valley of the stream.
3. The buildings have the following characteristics: They are built into the ground to a depth of about three meters; the underground portions were not entirely finished in the interior; walls have a thickness of 60-70 centimeters and are constructed of stone masonry bricks. Above ground the walls are of stone masonry bricks and are about 40 centimeters thick. The buildings have two floors above-ground with four rooms and a corridor in front of them on each of the floors. The buildings which are about 20 x 8 meters in size do not have a tiled roof, but have a covering about 50 centimeters thick of reinforced concrete sheets.
4. Above the concrete sheets there is a layer of earth about one meter deep in which shrubbery is planted.

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5. Around the whole construction there is an earth elevation about 10 meters wide at the base. The inside edge of the base of the earthwork touches the walls of the building, and in the upper part it is about five meters distant from the building. This earthwork forms an almost complete circle and the only interruption is the entrance to the building. The earthwork is constructed like a river dam and it is reported that the outside of it is to be sodded, but this had not been done as of 1 August 1953 (sic).

6. Each room of the building has one window.

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7. The whole installation consists of these constructions, all of the same type, arranged in the form of an equilateral triangle, set 80 meters apart. About 80 meters north of them has been constructed a 1-story building, roofed with red Marseilles tile and estimated to be about 30 x 12 meters in size, constructed of stone masonry bricks, with one wide door and without any dividing walls inside.

8. [redacted] in September 1951, after the painting of these buildings and installations had been completed, the buildings were to be used by units of naval personnel of the Varna base [redacted]

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9. At the same time as these buildings, construction was started also on the second road mentioned in Para. 2 above, which connects the buildings with the Burgas-Varna road. It has a width of four meters and is not gravelled.

10. The area immediately around the installation is bare, with a woods starting about 20 meters east of it. The whole area covered by the buildings has a diameter of about one kilometer and is enclosed by a barbed wire fence about two meters high.

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11. This area has been declared a restricted zone, and any villager from the surrounding area who goes along either of the two roads may be shot at without warning.

12. [redacted] the defense of the area was taken care of by three mobile patrols composed of men from the Trudovak unit.

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13. In April 1951, the third detachment of Trudovak unit [redacted] started construction of a similar group of buildings, which, as of September 1951 [redacted] were still under construction. The buildings had the same characteristics as those described above. They also were covered with concrete sheets in place of roofing and also were three in number plus a fourth building (identical with those of the preceding installation) which was roofed with red Marseilles tile and had no inside partitioning walls.

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14. [redacted] the walls and coating of concrete plates were completed but painting and installing of various equipment still had to be done. As of that time, the piling of earth on top of the concrete sheets and the planting of shrubs in this earth, as well as the construction of the surrounding earthwork, had not been done. However [redacted]

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[redacted] this additional work [redacted] this installation will be exactly like that described above.

15. [redacted] the road or the good dirt road which is to connect with the Burgas-Varna road had not been started [redacted]

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16. [redacted] this installation was to be used [redacted] 25X1  
for the needs of the Naval Base of Varna.

17. This installation is located at N 43-09, E 27-52, about 2,800 meters south of Asparukhovo and about 500 meters west of the Burgas-Varna road, at a point where it makes a large bend to the west. It is situated in the valley exactly at the place where the road along this gully which joins with the Burgas-Varna road crosses the road into Asparukhovo; it runs almost parallel with the Varna-Burgas road, passing through "Kataresa" locality, after which it intersects the above-mentioned gully and continues on until it again comes to the Varna-Burgas road. Since the installation is located in the southeast angle of the encircling path it intersects the two paths mentioned above. The area around the installation is covered with low bushes.

18. Until September 1951 the area around the installation had not been enclosed by barbed wire, but in spite of this the area for about one kilometer in diameter had been declared a restricted zone and villagers from the surrounding area were told that they would be shot at without warning if they used either of the two roads described above.

19. At the time of the construction of the installation, the guarding of the area was done by a 2-man patrol formed by Trudovak personnel.

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